Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for highlighting changes in an information object, comprising:

a) identifying a user;

b) receiving a request from the user for a selected version of an information object;

c) in response to the request for the selected document, obtaining a most recent version of the information object as the selected version of an-the information object requested by the user;

e)d) obtaining a previous version of the information object based on a result of identifying the user, the previous version of the information object being a version of the information object most recently accessed by the user;

d)e) automatically determining a difference between the selected version of the information object and the previous version of the information object; and

e)f) automatically outputting a rendered version of the information object highlighting the difference.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein e)d) further comprises:

automatically obtaining a-the version of the information object that was most recently accessed by the identified user.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein e)f) comprises displaying the rendered version of the information object.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein e)f) comprises printing the rendered version of the information object on a printing device.

5   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein e)f) comprises encoding information on the stored information in glyphs such that the encoded information designates the version of the information object.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~selected version of the information object is a current~~most recent version of the information object ~~and is automatically selected~~is the most recent version of the information object that the user is authorized to access.

7.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus that highlights changes in an information object, comprising:

a) a query interface that receives a user identification and a request for a selected ~~an~~-information object;

b) a processor that, in response to the request, retrieves a ~~selected~~ most recent version of the information object as the selected information object and a previous version of the information object, the previous version being obtained based on the identification of the user and being a version of the information object most recently accessed buy the user;

c) a delta determination device that automatically determines a difference between the selected version and the previous version; and

d) a renderer that automatically generates a rendered version of the information object highlighting the difference.

8.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the ~~selected~~ most current version of the information object is automatically retrieved as ~~a~~-the selected~~current version of the~~ information object ~~and is automatically selected~~.

9.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the previous version is automatically selected as a version that was most recently accessed by the user and automatically selected.

10.   (Currently Amended) A system for highlighting changes in an information object, comprising:

the apparatus according to claim 7;

at least one database that stores the most current version and the previous version; and

an output device that outputs the rendered version.

11.   (Currently Amended) A-The system of claim 10, wherein the output device is one of a display device and a printer.

12.   (Currently Amended) A system for highlighting changes in an information object, comprising:

a) means for identifying a user;

b) means for receiving a request from the user for a selected version of an information object;

b)c) means for obtaining, in response to the request for the selected document, a most recent version of the information object as the selected version of an-the information object requested by the user;

c)d) means for obtaining a previous version of the information object based on a result of identifying the user, the previous version of the information object being a version of the information object most recently accessed by the user;

d)e) means for automatically determining a difference between the selected version of the information object and the previous version of the information object; and

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e)f) means for <u>automatically</u> outputting a rendered version of the information

object showing the difference.

13.   (Currently Amended) The <u>system</u> processor of claim 12, wherein e)<u>d)</u>

comprises means for automatically obtaining a <u>the</u> version of the information object that was

most recently accessed by the identified user.

14.   (Currently Amended) The <u>system</u> processor of claim 12, wherein e)<u>f)</u>

comprises means for outputting the rendered version to a display device.

15.   (Currently Amended) The <u>system</u> processor of claim 12, wherein e)<u>f)</u>

comprises means for outputting the rendered version to a printing device.

16.   (Currently Amended) The <u>system</u> processor of claim 12, wherein the selected

version of the information object is a current<u>most recent</u> version of the information object and

is automatically selected<u>is the most recent version of the information object that the user is</u>

<u>authorized to access</u>.